

# Set Drive Against Abandoned Iceboxes

Torrance police officers this week launched an all-out effort to rid the community of unused or abandoned iceboxes and refrigerators.

Assistant Police Chief Hank Porter pointed out that Torrance has ordinances prohibiting the abandonment of these dangerous boxes in places accessible to younger children. These things are death-

traps," he said. "Each year they take their toll of young lives. Youngsters find them irresistible as a place to hide and, if the door is closed, they haven't a chance."

## DOORS OFF

Virtually every city in the county, as well as the county itself, has passed ordinances providing that doors must be taken off the iceboxes or locks broken

before owners may dispose of them.

In one recent 12-month period in the southeastern portion of the county, two youngsters died and two others were rescued in a state of near-suffocation from the lethal boxes.

Owners who want to keep the outmoded containers, or junk dealers who have picked them up, should either remove the

lock or hinges, or place metal straps around the exterior.

Porter emphasized that any resident of this community has only to call the police department and an officer will immediately go out and render the box harmless.

He added that other organizations, aware of the toll of young lives exacted each year by the iceboxes,

have taken steps to eliminate the menace.

Porter quoted a letter from the State Rubbish Collectors Association in Los Angeles, addressed to the Torrance Police Department, which said:

## CONCERN

"As active and responsible citizens of the Los Angeles community, our members have become extremely concerned with the

increasing frequency of children's deaths caused by unused iceboxes, refrigerators and freezers. We all have children and grandchildren of our own and are appalled at the needless tragedy and heartbreak caused by these insidious deathtraps.

"We feel that something concrete and effective should be done about it immediately. Therefore, we

offer our services to you and the citizens of your community in disposing of these deathtraps. We will pickup and destroy any unused refrigerator, icebox or freezer without charge if you will refer any calls to our office at RAYmond 3-5312.

"We ask the cooperation of the police department because, first, you are in-

involved in enforcement, second, you would seem to be the best organized to handle it, and most important, because we believe you will be performing a most valuable service to your community.

"We will cooperate with you in any way that you wish in this program and would welcome any suggestions you may have."

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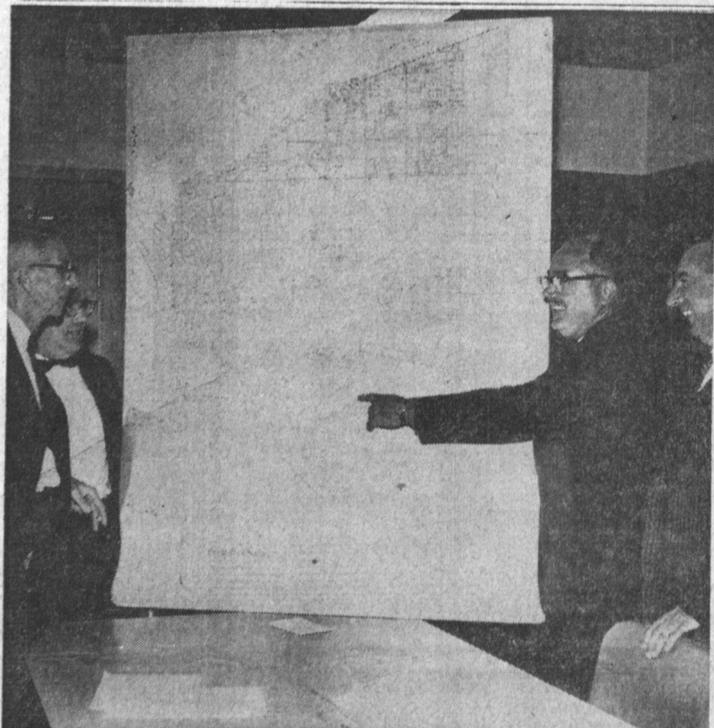
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**ORDINANCE OKAYED** — City councilmen last night voted 4-2 in favor of rezoning the controversial Marble Estates tract from industrial to residential use. Favoring the change were Councilmen J. A. Beasley, Willys Blount, Nickolas Drale and George Bradford.

Opposing the motion, which was made by Drale, were Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman George Vico. Councilman Victor Benstead was absent. Final reading of the ordinance effecting the change will be held next Tuesday evening.

# Rezoning Ordinance Okayed by Council

## Residential Use for Marble Estate Okayed

Torrance City Councilmen last night faced a hostile audience and voted 4-2 to rezone the controversial Marble Estates property from industrial to residential use.

Builder Don Wilson, who plans to build several hundred homes on the 155 acre parcel, told the council that "progress" can only be measured in terms of people and not in industrial development.

"I have held options on this property since February," Wilson said, "and I have not had even one inquiry on the availability of this property, or any portion of it, for industrial development."

He pointed out that the need of people for homes

was a constant and increasing demand, and expressed surprise that some officials would "allow any advantage for Torrance except the right for people to live here."

A substitute motion, which would have deferred the issue until the April elections, proposed by Mayor Albert Isen, was beaten down 4-2.

## MOTION MADE

Motion to approve the rezoning of the property was made by Councilman Nickolas Drale and seconded by Councilman J. A. Beasley.

Councilman George Bradford quoted an unbiased report, released last week by the Southwest Area Planning Commission, that indicated a surplus of indus-

trial land in the southwestern portion of the county and pointed out that Torrance presently has some 3200 acres zoned for industrial use.

"By 1980," Bradford quoted the report, "the South Bay area will have in the neighborhood of 1,450,000 inhabitants. At the accepted ratio of eight acres of industrial land for 1000 population, there will still be nearly 7000 acres of surplus land available."

Voting in favor of the zone change were Councilmen Willys Blount, Drale, Beasley and Bradford. Opposed were Isen and Councilman George Vico.

Second and final reading of the ordinance is scheduled for next Tuesday evening.

## POLYGRAPH TEST . . .

### Latest Suspect Cleared In Missing Girl Case

Los Angeles City Police, investigating the three-week old disappearance of Karen Lynn Tompkins, again found themselves without a clue when latest suspect, arrested Friday, passed lie detector tests with flying colors.

Suspect, Emanuel V. Hajek, 47, of 20730 S. Main St., was arrested when neighbors alleged that he had tried to lure a small girl into his car near 208th St. and Catalina.

Hajek had been questioned earlier in the disappearance of the youngster but was released.

Suspicion of the officers was also aroused, they said, when it was learned that Hajek lived only two blocks from the scene of Karen Tompkins' disappearance, the Halldale schoolground, until a short time after the youngster was discovered missing.

## PHONEY FIRE ALARM SALESMEN RETURN

Once again the Torrance area is being invaded by fast talking home fire alarm salesmen, city officials reported yesterday.

The Torrance Fire Department again warns the public to be wary of anyone who wishes to present a "fire prevention" talk in the home. This is usually the opening used for a fast sales pitch for and over-priced home fire alarm system. These salesmen usually imply that they are fire prevention personnel or work with the fire department in these matters.

If approached or have any question regarding home alarm systems, please call fire department personnel.

## HOST GOVERNOR

A civic luncheon honoring Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown will be held next Monday, September 11 at the Plush Horse Restaurant according to a joint announcement by Mayor William F. Czuleger of Redondo Beach and Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce President Ken Boyd.

The two civic leaders said the affair, open to the public, will feature an address by the Governor.

## Highway Patrol Suspends Three Officers Following Probe of 'Hypnotism Parties'

Three officers from the Torrance substation of the California Highway Patrol were suspended from duty and two others were reprimanded Monday after investigating officers revealed that they had taken part in "hypnotism parties" with several juvenile girls from this area.

Evidence also indicated that they had taken the girls for rides on CHP motorcycles and other activities.

Lt. John Reed, acting commander of the station, said the officers were probably not involved in any illegal or immoral activities and were guilty only

of "poor judgment."

Suspended were Officer Anthony Rios, five days, and Officers Veale Fonville and Henry Hopkins, three days. Receiving reprimands were Officers Max Straegle and Lee Minikus. Case was investigated by CHP and state attorney general's office.



ROBERT W. LYONS

## Name New Administrator For Riviera Hospital

Appointment of Robert W. Lyons, a veteran medical executive, as administrator of Riviera Community Hospital in Torrance was announced today.

Lyons, 43, was named to succeed Dean Crowder, who has been appointed administrator of the Morningside Hospital in Inglewood by the Lutheran Hospital Assn. of Southern California. Crowder came here five months ago as interim administrator as the result of an agreement between the association and the local hospital's board of directors.

## EFFECTIVE SEPT. 18

The new administrator, whose appointment is effective Sept. 18, comes to Torrance from The Westwood, a psychiatric hospital in West Los Angeles, where he was administrator for two years. Previously, he held executive posts at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, Los Angeles; Beverly Hills Doctors' Hospital and at institutions in Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin and Indiana.

A native of Rockford, Ill., Lyons earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in hospital administration at Northwestern University. During World War II, he served in the Army Medical Service Corps and currently holds the rank of major in that arm of the service.

Lyons resides at 12092 Christy Lane, Rossmore, with his wife, Elizabeth, and their two daughters.

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**LAST-MINUTE PREPARATIONS** — Teachers in the Torrance Unified School District this week are readying classrooms and making last-minute preparations for the opening of school next Wednesday. Shown collecting

classroom materials are Dorothy Goldsmith, kindergarten teacher at Casimir School, Yolanda Asper of Lincoln School and Ruth Jameson, third grade teacher.



**GOING UP** — Airport manager Jack Egan here inspects new \$70,000 fire station presently under construction at the local terminal. When finished in late November, the facility will provide service to both the airport

and nearby residential areas. Cost of the station will be shared proportionately by the City of Torrance and Federal agencies. Station will contain specialized apparatus for combating aircraft fires.



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